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The purpose of this survey was to measure hunter opinions towards some selected ideas for improving some of the features of the West River Special Buck License. The West River Special Buck License allows hunters to hunt private land in all West River prairie deer season units. All public lands are closed, including Walk-In Areas. The West River Special Buck License allocates 400 licenses for South Dakota residents and 400 for nonresidents and the licenses are distributed by application and lottery draw. Demand for these licenses exceeds the supply. This survey (Appendix A) was the result of a meeting with some landowners and guides that wanted to increase the odds of their clients successfully drawing a West River Special Buck License.

One change was made following the 2001 West River Deer Season to address the issue of high demand for these limited licenses. The change involved increasing the price of a resident license from \$105 in 2001 to \$155 in 2002 and the price of a nonresident license from \$405 in 2001 to \$505 in 2002. This price change resulted in a 26.5% drop in resident applications and a 13.5% drop in nonresident applications (Table 1).

Table 1. Success in drawing a West River Special Buck License comparing 2001 and 2002.

2002 West River Special Buck			
License Type	Number Available	Number Applied	Percent Success
Resident	400	545	73.4%
Nonresident	400	512	78.1

2001 West River Special Buck			
License Type	Number Available	Number Applied	Percent Success
Resident	400	742	53.9%
Nonresident	400	592	67.6%

One change that was discussed and evaluated (not included in the survey) was to increase the number of Special Buck Licenses available. The evaluation of success rate showed that in 2002 success in drawing a West River Special Buck License was actually higher than success in drawing a license in the regular West River Deer Season (Table 2). Applicants already have a better chance in the drawing for the Special Buck License compared to the average for the top 4 most popular West River license types (Residents: 73% vs. 71%, respectively) (Nonresidents: 78% vs. 45%, respectively). Because the Special Buck License is first, unsuccessful applications have a second chance in the Regular West River drawing (and at a reduced price). Thus, hunters willing to pay the

There is also an East River Special Buck License that allocates 400 licenses to residents (none available for nonresidents).

higher fee have better overall odds at getting a West River deer license than hunters only participating in the Regular West River Deer season. Increasing the opportunity for more affluent hunters would not be very popular to the regular West River deer hunters.

Even though the overall "biological" impact of 800 Special Buck Licenses is small on the population and the regular West River allocation of deer licenses, there is an impact on the number of regular West River Deer Licenses. The perceived impact is that there are now 800 less licenses (of the popular type) now available to the regular West River deer hunters. The majority of regular West River deer hunters (those hunters that only apply during the regular West River deer season) would not like to see this number increased.

Table 2. Evaluation of the drawing success in the 2002 West River Regular Deer Season (removing landowners that applied) comparing residents and nonresidents.

RESIDENTS								
Units Combined	01		07		12		41	
	Available	Applied	Available	Applied	Available	Applied	Available	Applied
Totals	4,479	7,320	568	1,184	3,147	3,344	1,447	1,810
Percent	61.2%		48.0%		94.1		79.9%	
Overall	Available / Applied / Percent Filled = 9,641 / 13,658 / 70.6%							
Units Combined				NONRESIDENTS				
	01		07		12		41	
	Available	Applied	Available	Applied	Available	Applied	Available	Applied
Totals	472	1,139	56	199	288	483	120	272
Percent	41.4%		28.1		59.6		44.1	
Overall	Available / Applied / Percent Filled = 936 / 2,093 / 44.7%							

01 = any deer

07 = any mule deer

12 = any deer plus any antlerless deer

41 = any mule deer plus and antlerless mule deer

Sample sizes and return rates: All 400 resident and 400 nonresident 2002 West River Special Buck hunters were mailed a 2-page questionnaire mid-December (balk rate mailing was used). Three nonresident questionnaires were returned as undeliverable giving a sample size of 397 nonresidents. A total of 491 questionnaires were returned for a 54.7% return rate (266 residents and 216 nonresidents returned their questionnaire, plus 9 respondents did not indicate their residency).

Survey Results

Most deer hunters indicated that they had a place to hunt before applying for their 2002 West River Special Buck License (residents, 92% and nonresidents, 96%) (Table 3). GFP has been asked to consider a plan that would require West River Special Buck License applicants to write on the application form the name of one landowner (and phone number) that has granted them permission to hunt for a buck during the West River deer season. The hunter would not be required to hunt on the land (because

circumstances could change before the start of the season) nor would be restricted to hunt only on that land (hunters could still hunt on any West River private land that they could get permission to hunt). The landowner's signature would not be required, only his/her name and phone number.

The purpose for the change is to reduce the number of hunters with Special Buck Licenses who have not secured a place to hunt bucks on private land and to reward those hunters that have taken the time to get permission to hunt private land early in the year and/or those hunters that have an established relationship with a landowner. There is very high support for the idea of requiring the name and phone number of a landowner on the application (Table 4). Support was higher from nonresidents than residents.

I estimate that if a landowner name and phone number were required on the application that it would result in about a 6% decline in resident applications and a 4% decline in nonresident applications (Table 5). This would have a minimal impact on improving success in the drawing, giving residents an increase in the drawing success of about 5% (73% - 78%) and nonresidents and increase of about 3% (78% - 81%) (Table 6).

Another idea that GFP is exploring is to make the deadline for application for the Special Buck License earlier in the calendar year. The current deadline is in early May (in 2002 it was May 10). Moving the drawing date earlier in the year was not particularly popular, although moving it one month earlier had more support than opposition (Tables 7 and 8).

Table 3. The West River Special Buck License allows hunters to hunt private land in all West River prairie deer season units. All public lands are closed, including Walk-In Areas. GFP recommends that hunters line up a place to hunt on private land before applying. Which statement best reflects what you did this year (2002)?

Response	Residents	Nonresidents	Combined'
I had a place to hunt before applying for the 2002 West River Special Buck License.	92.4%	96.3%	93.8%
I located a place to hunt shortly after learning that I drew a 2002 West River Special Buck License (sometime during the period of May - August).	1.9%	0.9%	1.6%
I located a place to hunt shortly before the start of the 2002 West River Deer Season (September to start of West River Deer Season).	4.2%	0.5%	2.5%
I located a place to hunt after the start of the 2002 West River Deer Season.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	1.5%	2.3%	2.1%
Total Number	266	216	491
Pearson Chi-square: $X^2=7.95$; $df=3$; $p=0.047$			

Includes responses that could not be classified as resident or nonresident (i.e., residence question was left blank).

Table 4. How strongly do you like or dislike the suggested change to the application process (requiring a landowner name and phone number)?

Attitude (scale)	Residents	Nonresidents	Combined
Strongly Like (+3)	39.5%	50.9%	44.7%
Moderately Like (+2)	11.8%	15.3%	13.3%
Slightly Like (+1)	4.9%	3.2%	4.1
Neutral / No Opinion (0)	9.5%	16.2%	12.5%
Slightly Dislike (-1)	4.9%	3.7%	4.3%
Moderately Dislike (-2)	5.3%	2.8%	4.1%
Strongly Dislike (-3)	24.0%	7.9%	17.0%
Total	263	216	488
Mean Attitude	0.60	1.54	1.01
Pearson Chi-square: $X^2=30.22$; $df=6$; $p<0.001$			
ANOVA: $F=20.67$; $df=1/477$; $p<0.001$			
SUMMARIZED RESULTS			
LIKE	56.3%	69.4%	62.1%
NEUTRAL/NO OPINION	9.5%	16.2%	12.5%
DISLIKE	34.2%	14.4%	25.4%
Pearson Chi-square: $X^2=26.09$; $df=2$; $p<0.001$			

Table 5. If this change (requiring the name and phone number of a landowner on the application) were in affect for the 2002 Special Buck Application. would you have applied for your 2002 Special Buck License?

Response	Residents	Nonresidents	Combined
NO	6.0%	4.2%	5.3%
YES	84.2%	87.0%	85.3%
Don't Know	9.8%	8.8%	9.4%
Total Number	265	215	489
Pearson Chi-square: $X^2=1.01$; $df=2$; $p=0.603$			

Table 6. Estimated impact on drawing success if landowner name and phone number were required on the Special Buck License application.

License Type	2002 West River Special Buck			Estimated Applicants	Estimated Success
	Number Available	Number Applied	Percent Success		
Resident	400	545	73.4%	512	78%
Nonresident	400	512	78.1%	492	81

Table 7. How strongly would you favor or oppose having the application deadline for West River Special Buck about one month earlier (sometime in early April)?

Attitude (scale)	Residents	Nonresidents	Combined
Strongly Like (+3)	24.2%	34.7%	28.8%
Moderately Like (+2)	6.8%	7.4%	7.1
Slightly Like (+1)	3.8%	3.2%	3.5%
Neutral / No Opinion (0)	40.0%	28.7%	35.1
Slightly Dislike (-1)	4.2%	5.6%	4.8%
Moderately Dislike (-2)	7.9%	5.1%	6.6%
Strongly Dislike (-3)	13.2%	15.3%	14.1%
Total	265	216	482
Mean Attitude	0.30	0.61	0.44
Pearson Chi-square: $\chi^2=11.40$; df=6; p=0.077			
ANOVA: F=2.56; df=1/479; p=0.110			
SUMMARIZED RESULTS			
LIKE	34.7%	45.4%	39.4%
NEUTRAL/NO OPINION	40.0%	28.7%	35.1%
DISLIKE	25.3%	25.9%	25.5%
Pearson Chi-square: $\chi^2=7.79$; df=2; p=0.020			

Table 8. How strongly would you favor or oppose having the application deadline for West River Special Buck about two months earlier (sometime in early March)?

Attitude (scale)	Residents	Nonresidents	Combined
Strongly Like (+3)	21.6%	27.8%	24.3%
Moderately Like (+2)	5.7%	8.3%	6.9%
Slightly Like (+1)	3.8%	2.8%	3.3%
Neutral / No Opinion (0)	33.3%	25.9%	30.1%
Slightly Dislike (-1)	5.7%	4.6%	5.2%
Moderately Dislike (-2)	7.2%	6.9%	7.1
Strongly Dislike (-3)	22.7%	23.6%	23.1
Total	264	216	481
Mean Attitude	-0.08	0.13	0.01
Pearson Chi-square: $\chi^2=5.92$; df=6; p=0.432			
ANOVA: F=1.14; df=1/478; p=0.286			
SUMMARIZED RESULTS			
LIKE	31.1 %	38.9%	34.5%
NEUTRAL/NO OPINION	33.3%	25.9%	30.1%
DISLIKE	35.6%	35.2%	35.3%
Pearson Chi-square: $\chi^2=4.28$; df=2; p=0.117			

Access. Most residents (80%) did not pay for access while most nonresidents (83%) did pay for access (Table 9). Of those hunters that paid for access, residents were more likely to pay for access-only (65%) while nonresidents were more likely to pay for a package deal (81 %) (Table 10). Based only on those hunters that paid for access-only, residents paid an average of \$729 for access-only and nonresidents paid an average of \$1,100 (Table 11). Based only on those hunters that paid for a package deal, residents paid an average of \$1,499 for their package deal and nonresidents paid an average of \$2,151 (Table 12).

Attitude towards requiring the name and address of a landowner on the Special Buck License application was related to both residence and paying for access (Figure 1 and Table 13). Nonresidents had higher support for requiring the name and address of a landowner on the Special Buck License application than did residents. Hunters paying for access had higher support for requiring the name and address of a landowner on the Special Buck License application than did hunters not paying for access. All four groups had a positive mean attitude towards requiring the name and address of a landowner on the Special Buck License application.

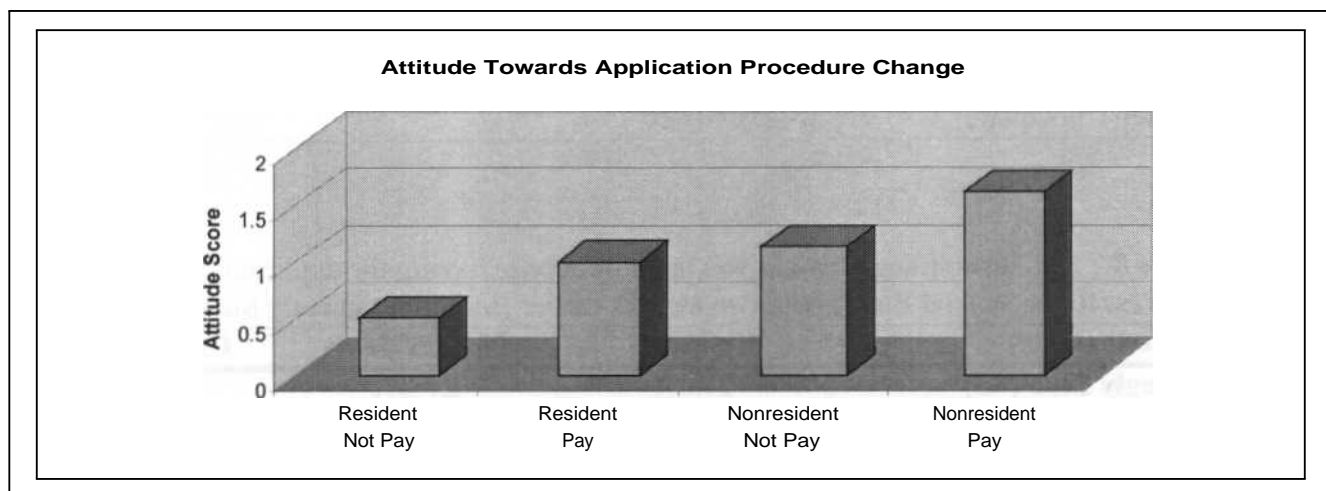


Figure 1. Relationship between residence and paying for access in predicting attitude towards requiring the name and phone number of a landowner on the Special Buck License application.

Table 9. Did you pay for access to private lands and/or guide services for your 2002 West River Special Buck deer season?

Response	Residents	Nonresidents	Combined
NO	80.0%	17.1%	51.9%
YES	20.0%	82.9%	48.1
Total Number	265	216	482
Pearson Chi-square: $X^2=188.39$; $df=1$; $p<0.001$			

Table 10. If YES (see Table 9), which category below that best reflects what you did for your 2002 West River Special Buck deer season (do not include travel expenses, license fees, etc.. unless it was part of a package amount paid to a guide)?

Response	Residents	Nonresidents	Combined
Paid only for access	64.7%	19.0%	29.3%
Paid for a package deal that includes other services (for example, things such as guide, room and meals, deer processing, etc.)	35.3%	81.0%	70.7%
Total Number	51	174	225
Pearson Chi-square: $X^2=39.81$; $df=1$; $p<0.001$			

Table 11. Amounts paid for access only.

Amounts paid for access only	Residents	Nonresidents	Combined
\$1-\$250	43.5%	6.9%	23.1%
\$251 -\$500	26.1%	3.4%	13.5%
\$501 - \$1,000	13.0%	37.9%	26.9%
\$1,001 - \$ 1,500	4.3%	34.5%	21.2%
\$1,501- \$2,000	0.0%	17.2%	9.6%
\$2,001 - \$3,000	13.0%	0.0%	5.8%
\$3,001 - \$4,000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
\$4,001 - \$5,000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
>\$5,000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Number	23	29	52
Mean	\$729	\$1,100	\$936
Pearson Chi-square: $X^2=28.53$; $df=5$; $p<0.001$			
ANOVA: $F=3.65$; $df=1/50$; $p=0.062$			

Table 12. Amounts paid for package deal.

Amounts paid for package deal	Residents	Nonresidents	Combined
\$1- \$250	6.3%	0.0%	0.7%
\$251 -S500	25.0%	0.8%	3.4%
\$501 - \$1,000	12.5%	5.4%	6.2%
\$1,001 - \$ 1,500	12.5%	26.9%	25.3%
\$1,501 - \$2,000	6.3%	16.9%	15.8%
\$2,001 - \$3,000	37.5%	41.5%	41.1
\$3,001 - \$4,000	0.0%	6.2%	5.5%
\$4,001-\$5,000	0.0%	2.3%	2.1%
>\$5,000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Number	16	130	146
Mean	\$1,499	\$2,151	\$2,079
Pearson Chi-square: $X^2=37.33$; $df=7$; $p<0.001$			
ANOVA: $F=8.55$; $df=1/144$; $p=0.004$			

Table 13. Univariate analysis of variance for analyzing the effect of residence and paying for access on attitude towards requiring the name and phone number of a landowner on the Special Buck License application.

SD Resident	Pay for Access	Mean Attitude	Std. Deviation	N	
YES	NO	0.51	2.50	210	
YES	YES	1.00	2.35	52	
NO	NO	1.14	2.42	37	
NO	YES	1.62	1.81	179	
Tests of Between-Subjects Effects					
Source	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig. (p)
Corrected Model	118.641	3	39.547	7.847	<0.001
Intercept	322.030	1	322.030	63.896	<0.001
Residence	27.205	1	27.205	5.398	0.021
Pay for Access	16.646	1	16.646	3.303	0.070
Interaction Effect	<0.001	1	<0.001	0.000	0.999
Error	2388.949	474	5.040		
Total	3014.000	478			
Corrected Total	2507.590	477			

Description of West River Special Buck Hunters. This census of 2002 West River Special Buck hunters resulted in 266 responses from residents and 216 responses from nonresidents (Table 14). Most of the residents were from Pennington County (27%) and Minnehaha County (17%) (Table 14-A). Most of the nonresidents were from Michigan (16%) and Pennsylvania (13%) (Table 14-B). Most hunters were male (97%) (Table 15). Average age of residents was 45 and average age of nonresidents was 49 (Table 16).

Table 14. Percent residents and nonresidents that responded to the census of 2002 West River Special Buck hunters.

Residency	Number	Percent
South Dakota Residents	266	55.2%
Non-Residents	216	44.8%
Total Number	482	100%

Nine respondents left this item blank (total responses=491).

Table 14-A. South Dakota residents - county residence.

County	Number	Percent
Pennington	63	26.8%
Minnehaha	39	16.6%
Hughes	12	5.1
Lawrence	10	4.3%
Beadle, Meade	9 (each)	3.8% (each)
Davison	8	3.4%
Brown, Tripp, Union	7 (each)	3.0% (each)
Codington, Yankton	6 (each)	2.6% (each)
Brookings. Hamlin, Lincoln	5 (each)	2.1% (each)
Butte, Grant	4 (each)	1.7% (each)
Fall River	3	1.3%
Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Hand, Kingsbury, Lake, Lyman, Sanborn, Todd	2 (each)	0.9% (each)
Custer, Dewey, Douglas, Gregory, Jackson, Miner, Perkins, Spink, Turner, Shannon	1 (each)	0.4% (each)
Total (36 counties represented in this sample)		100%

Table 14-B. Non-residents - state residence.

State	Number	Percent
Michigan	27	15.0%
Pennsylvania	23	12.8%
Minnesota	14	7.8%
Wisconsin	12	6.7%
Georgia	9	5.0%
New York, Tennessee	8 (each)	4.4% (each)
North Carolina	7	3.9%
Texas	6	3.3%
Illinois, Louisiana	5 (each)	2.8% (each)
Alabama, California, Florida, Ohio	4 (each)	2.2% (each)
Arizona, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, Oregon, Virginia, Vermont, Washington	3 (each)	1.7% (each)
Colorado, Idaho, North Dakota	2 (each)	1.1 % (each)
Arkansas. Indiana, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico. Utah	1 (each)	0.6% (each)
Total (34 states represented in sample)	180	100%

Table 15. Percent of males and females that responded to the census of 2002 West River Special Buck hunters.

Gender	Residents	Nonresidents	Combined
Males	96.5%	98.1%	97.2%
Females	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
Total Number	259	210	470
Pearson Chi-square: $X^2=1.06$; $df=1$; $p=0.303$			

Table 16. Age distribution of hunters that responded to the census of 2002 West River Special Buick hunters.

Age Range	Residents	Nonresidents	Combined
13 - 19	4.2%	0.0%	2.3%
20-29	6.4%	3.8%	5.2%
30-39	18.5%	15.0%	16.9%
40-49	32.5%	30.5%	31.5%
50-59	26.4%	34.7%	30.3%
60-69	10.2%	13.6%	11.7%
70 - 79	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%
80-89	0.0%	0.5%	0.2%
Total Number	265	213	479
Mean	45.1	49.3	47.0
Pearson Chi-square: $X^2=16.56$; $df=7$; $p=0.020$			
ANOVA: $F=15.79$; $df=1/476$; $p<0.001$			

Recommendations

1. Move the drawing date for the Special Buck License one month earlier (sometime in April). This suggestion had more support than opposition. Make the change starting in 2004, but put information about the expected change into the 2003 application to inform hunters of the anticipated change.
2. I would recommend changing the application to require the name and phone number of a landowner that has granted permission to hunt because of the high support from the hunters. Also, the change would be in line with the Department's philosophy that hunters should first get permission to hunt private land before they apply for the Special Buck License. This change would have only a minimal impact on application numbers however, every little bit helps (Table 6). I recommend that this change be implemented for next year (2004), but that we include some information on this year's application (2003) telling applicants that next year the application will require a landowner's name and phone number. This will give hunters enough time to prepare for the change.

Appendix A

Letter and questionnaire used in the census of 2002 West River Special Buck hunters.

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December 2002

Dear 2002 West River Special Buck hunter:

Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) has been asked to consider a modification to the West River Special Buck application. As you know, the West River Special Buck License allows hunters to hunt only on private land in all West River prairie deer season units. All public lands are closed, including Walk-In Areas.

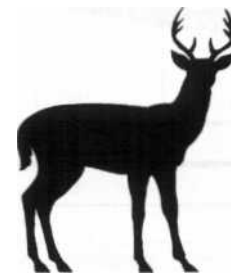
GFP and landowners have long recommended that hunters line up a place to hunt on private land before applying. The proposed change would require West River Special Buck applicants to write in the name of one landowner (and phone number) that has granted them permission to hunt on private land for a buck during the West River deer season. The hunter would not be required to hunt on the land (because circumstances could change before the start of the season) nor would be restricted to hunt only on that land (hunters could still hunt on any West River private land that they could get permission to hunt). The landowner's signature would not be required, only his/her name and phone number.

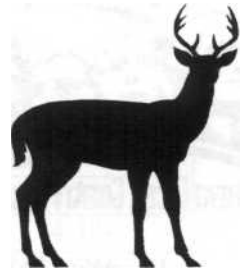
The purpose for the change is to reduce the number of hunters with Special Buck Licenses who have not secured a place to hunt bucks on private land and to reward those hunters that have taken the time to get permission to hunt private land early in the year and/or those hunters that have an established relationship with a landowner.

Included with this letter is a short questionnaire. This will provide you an opportunity to provide GFP with your opinion about this idea and to help us learn more about the West River Special Buck Season. Please take a couple of minutes to answer the questions and return it to us by the deadline (February 1, 2003). This is a voluntary opinion survey. If you do not wish to participate just discard the questionnaire.

Instructions for the survey questionnaire are on the back of this letter.

Sincerely,

Larry M. Gigliotti



SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS:

- **This is a voluntary opinion survey. If you do not wish to participate just discard the survey questionnaire.**
- **This survey is anonymous. We have no identifying marks on the questionnaire to identify individuals responding to this survey.**
- **We need to receive your completed questionnaire by no later than February 1, 2003 for your opinion to be considered by GFP staff.**
- **There will be no reminders or second mailings of this survey, so if you want to participate make sure you mail it to us by the deadline.**
- **If you have any questions about the survey my e-mail address is Larry.Gigliotti@state.sd.us and my phone number is 605-773-4231.**
- **We look forward to hearing your opinions on these suggested changes to the West River Special Buck application procedure. Feel free to attach any additional comments that you may have related to the West River Special Buck season.**
- **To participate in this survey please return your questionnaire using the postage-paid reply envelope.**

2002 West River Special Buck Applicant/Hunter Survey

1. The West River Special Buck License allows hunters to hunt private land in all West River prairie deer season units. All public lands are closed, including Walk-In Areas. GFP recommends that hunters line up a place to hunt on private land before applying. Which statement best reflects what you did this year (2002)? *Please check only one statement.*

- ☐ 1. I had a place to hunt before applying for the 2002 West River Special Buck License
- ☐ 2. I located a place to hunt shortly after learning that I drew a 2002 West River Special Buck License (sometime during the period of May - August)
- ☐ 3. I located a place to hunt shortly before the start of the 2002 West River Deer Season (September to start of West River Deer Season)
- ☐ 4. I located a place to hunt after the start of the 2002 West River Deer Season
- ☐ 5. Other, *please specify:* _____
- _____

2. GFP has been asked to consider a plan that would require West River Special Buck license applicants to write on the application form the name of one landowner (and phone number) that has granted them permission to hunt for a buck during the West River deer season. The hunter would not be required to hunt on the land (because circumstances could change before the start of the season) nor would be restricted to hunt only on that land (hunters could still hunt on any West River private land that they could get permission to hunt). The landowner's signature would not be required, only his/her name and phone number.

The purpose for the change is to reduce the number of hunters with Special Buck Licenses who have not secured a place to hunt bucks on private land and to reward those hunters that have taken the time to get permission to hunt private land early in the year and/or those hunters that have an established relationship with a landowner.

- a) How strongly do you like or dislike this suggested change to the application process? *Please circle only one response.*

Strongly Like	Moderately Like	Slightly Like	Neutral No Opinion	Slightly Dislike	Moderately Dislike	Strongly Dislike
	2	3	4	5	6	7

- b) If this change (requiring the name and phone number of a landowner on the application) were in affect for the 2002 Special Buck Application, would you have applied for your 2002 Special Buck License?

- ☐ 1. No
- ☐ 2. Yes
- ☐ 3. Don't Know

3. Did you pay for access to private lands and/or guide services for your 2002 West River Special Buck deer season?

☐ 1. No → on on to question number 4.

☐ 2. Yes → If Yes, please answer the questions in the box below before answering question number 4.



Please check which category below that best reflects what you did for your 2002 West River Special Buck deer season (do not include travel expenses, license fees, etc., unless it was part of a package amount paid to a guide)?

☐ 1. Paid only for access → Amount paid: \$ _____

☐ 2. Paid for a package deal that includes other services (for example, things such as guide, room and meals, deer processing, etc.)

→ total package amount paid: \$ _____

4. Another idea that GFP is exploring is to make the deadline for application for the Special Buck License earlier in the calendar year. The current deadline is in early May (in 2002 it was May 10).

- a) How strongly would you favor or oppose having the application deadline for West River Special Buck about one month earlier (sometime in early April)?

Strongly <u>Favor</u>	Moderately <u>Favor</u>	Slightly <u>Favor</u>	Neutral or <u>No Opinion</u>	Slightly <u>Oppose</u>	Moderately <u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>Oppose</u>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- b) How strongly would you favor or oppose having the application deadline for West River Special Buck about two months earlier (sometime in early March)?

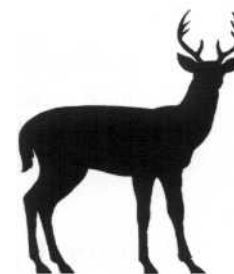
Strongly <u>Favor</u>	Moderately <u>Favor</u>	Slightly <u>Favor</u>	Neutral or <u>No Opinion</u>	Slightly <u>Oppose</u>	Moderately <u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>Oppose</u>
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Information about Yourself

5. Are you a South Dakota resident?

☐ 1. NO.....state

☐ 2. YES.....county



6. What is your age and gender? _____ years

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR VALUABLE TIME COMPLETING THIS SURVEY.

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